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SUBJ: POSSIBLE AMSPEC GRANT - ALBERT JOHNSON

1. ALBERT JOHNSON, PROFESSOR OF CINEMA ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, HAS INDICATED AVAILABILITY FOR A TOUR OF EASTERN EUROPE BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 1976. JOHNSON IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO POST FOR HIS PREVIOUS VISITS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. HE TEACHES THIRD WORLD FILMS AND AFRO-AMERICAN CINEMA, AND IS DIRECTOR OF ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL. HIS PRESENTATIONS ARE INFORMED, BALANCED, AND MODERATE, AND HE HAS MANY CONTACTS IN WORLD CINEMA CIRCLES.

2. GOC HAS REQUESTED HE COME TO PRAGUE WITH AMERICAN MUSICALS OF THE LATE 40S AND EARLY 50S, TITLES UNDERSTANDABLY NOT LOCALLY AVAILABLE. ACCORDINGLY, JOHNSON PLANS TO TRAVEL WITH ANCHORS AWEIGH, ON THE TOWN, BROADWAY MELODY, EASTER PARADE, SUMMER STOCK, AND ZIGFELD FOLLIES. KELLY, ASTAIRE, GARLAND, POWELL, AND SINATRA ARE SOME OF THE NAMES.

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3. WE REQUEST CU AND USIA SUPPORT JOHNSON'S VISIT TO PRAGUE WITH FILMS AS AN AMSPEC GRANT FOR FIVE PROGRAM DAYS IN SEPTEMBER.

IF OTHER POSTS ARE INTERESTED, IT COULD BE EXTENDED. JOHNSON
IS WILLING TO DO OTHER PROGRAMS, SHOULD POSTS BE INTERESTED.
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